GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1539
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2006
RELEASE OF WATER TO TAMILNADU
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has refused to release 395 tmc. ft.(thousand million cubic feet) of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu as recommended by the assessors appointed by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to intervene and resolve the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF.SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) by an Order dated 10th May, 2006 has directed its Registry to make available the reports/notes of Assessors to the party States for comments within five weeks and further comments within three weeks. The party States have filed their comments. The CWDT in its hearing on 10th July, 2006 has taken note of the comments/cross comments filed by the party States and further Order on these comments/cross comments have been reserved by the Tribunal.

(c) & (d) The CWDT was set up in June, 1990 under the provisions of Inter-State Water Disputes(ISWD) Act, 1956 (now known as ISRWD Act, 1956). Under the provisions of the Act, the Tribunal after carrying out necessary investigation is required to submit a report to the Central Government setting out the facts as found by it and giving its decision on the matter as referred to it. The Central Government or any State Government may seek further explanation or guidance from the Tribunal on the report and decisions submitted by the Tribunal. The ISRWD Act, does not have any provision for giving direction by Central Government to the Tribunal for submitting its report and decision in a particular manner.